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SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

January 29, 2009, 3:45 p.m.

State EOC Activation Level

Level III – Active Emergency Conditions – A situation has occurred requiring limited activation of the emergency operations center.

Confirmed Fatalities:

Three fatalities have been confirmed. A Marengo woman (Crawford County) was killed in a weather-related traffic accident. A resident of Jackson County died while shoveling snow. A Daviess County resident died due to a heart attack while shoveling snow.

Current Situation

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources sawyer crews are working on debris removal in Perry and Crawford counties. 2 2-man crews to Perry County. 2 2-man crews to Crawford. Indiana Dept. of Correction provided a 4 man team to each county to assist.
- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is assessing water pressure and quality concerns from the Leavenworth, Ramsey and Crawford County Rural water utilities. Potential problems may arise due to extended power outages affecting pumping stations.
- Increased winds overnight may cause additional power line damage in the south and drifting of snow in central and northern parts of the State.
- Perry County EMA is reporting widespread cell phone system outages.

County Emergency Declarations http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/sigwx.pdf

Please visit www.in.gov/dhs for current county emergency situations.

Shelters

Total Capacity Available: 1,516

Total Occupancy: 663

Evansville (Vanderburgh), 4-H Center-66 Evansville (Vanderburgh), Camp Reveal-0 Princeton (Gibson), American Red Cross Chapter-6 Mt Vernon (Posey), First Presbyterian Church-3

Tell City (Perry), Schergens Center-9

Booneville (Warrick), Boonville High School-11

New Burg (Warrick), St John's Catholic School-10

Rockport (Spencer), Trinity United Methodist Church-49

Evansville (Vanderburgh), Washington United Church of Christ-95

Evansville (Vanderburgh), Red Cross Chapter-115

Jefferson - Craig (Switzerland) Fire House-7

Huntingburg (Dubois), Huntingburg Event Center-0

Princeton (Gibson), Princeton Fire Territory-4

Salem (Washington), YMCA-2

Jeffersonville (Clark), First Christian Church-25

Clarksville (Clark), First Southern Baptist Church-24

Sellersburg (Clark), Silver Creek Middle School-0

Charlestown (Clark), Johnathan Jennings Elementary School-0

Charleston (Clark), Arts & Enrichment Center-0

New Albany (Floyd), Salvation Army-60

New Washington (Clark), New Washington FIRE/EMS-0

Corydon (Harrison), Harrison Township VFD-5

Palmyra (Harrison), Palmyra United Methodist Church-4

Georgetown (Floyd), Georgetown Southern Baptist Church-40

Marengo (Crawford), Hillview Christian Church-124

Critical Infrastructure and Facilities Power Outages

Vectren – 58,379 – Expected Restoration: 02/02/2009

Duke Energy -- 33,394 - Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009

Orange County REMC – 400 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009 Clark County REMC – 750 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Southern Indiana REMC – 3,800 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009

Dubois REMC – 750 – Expected Restoration: 01/29/2009

Southeastern Indiana REMC – 600 – Expected Restoration: 01/29/2009

Harrison REMC -- 9,500 - Expected Restoration: 02/01/2009

Current Total: 107,575 Peak Total: 215,838

Transportation

Please visit www.in.gov/dhs for current road conditions.

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